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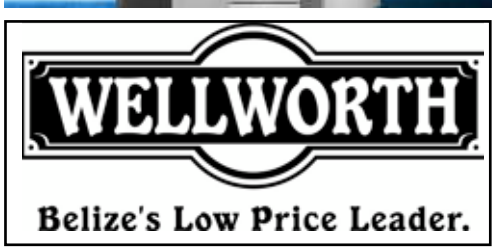

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A Very Merry and Blessed Christmas to ALL

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ALL 'ON YOUR MARK', SET FOR GST-FREE WEEKEND

The Prime Minister in several interviews has hailed the December 6 and 7 first GST-free Christmas 2025 weekend as a success. Some consider it a loss to the government while the prevailing opinion from the masses comes from the countless lines at the GST-registered stores. What the masses say is what matters and the Briceño administration's second term is a testament to that. Even businesses are happy and we ask them to participate in easing the cost of living in Belize with fair prices. The people want the country to continue with its progress. This year the PUP resoundingly won TWO major elections, yet, the opposition and the opposition media keep uttering falsehoods and manufactured news to our Belize; this insults the choice and intelligence of the people. The people know better; the Prime Minister and team KNOW that the work is far from complete. The total eradication of poverty is the goal.

But without more digressing the Prime Minister has deemed the 2025 GST-free weekends as a successful initiative designed to ease the cost of living for Belizean citizens and encourage local spending. Chiming in on the first implementation of the tax-free weekends in December 2024, the Prime Minister declared them a "resounding success" and 2025 is halfway at duplicating. Government officials say they "lost" five million. Let's go for ten million this year. In statements made in early 2025, the PM indicated the initiative would become a recurring feature and promise kept.

The GST weekends do the following:

--It supports citizens by helping consumers to put more money in their pockets, by sometimes even providing an additional discount in competition with other businesses. This helps manage the high cost of living.

--The buying frenzy boosts the Local Economy as non-registered for GST micro business find their niche. Of course, a primary goal is to encourage Belizeans to shop locally instead of crossing the border to places like Chetumal. This supports Belizean-owned businesses that create jobs and help the local economy.

--Government Revenue is still boosted. The government temporarily loses revenue during the weekends but the broader benefit comes from stimulating internal commerce and eventually collecting taxes back through general economic activity. There is still the business tax on the gross earnings.

--People benefit as there is the Tax Compliance issue. Businesses that charge us and pocket the GST as profit are caught in the transparency created by the tax-free weekend. In 2024, the weekends provided the Belize Tax Service with data, alerting them to some businesses that may not have been paying the correct GST. This lead to planned follow-up actions and audits. So keep your receipts that so that if you may query doubts.

But of course the biggest goal achieved was addressing the Cost of Living. PM Briceño emphasized that the GST weekends are part of a broader, multi-faceted strategy to address cost of living pressures, alongside other government programs like raising the minimum wage, increasing scholarships, and expanding National Health Insurance (NHI). (Read this week's Editorial for a more complete list)

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TAX FREE
WE OPEN SATURDAY
DEC 6TH & 20TH
GST-Free Weekend. All locations open Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. No GST Added. Check out our Christmas Sale at www.gs-com.bz
Belize City | Belmopan | San Ignacio | Orange Walk | San Pedro

New Minsa factory in Spanish Lookout

Country Foods officially marked the grand opening of its new minsa factory in Spanish Lookout, a major milestone in the company's continued growth and investment in local food production. With an operation capacity of up to 30 tons per day, the facility exceeds local demand and is positioned to expand into export markets with GOB's full support. This new venture marks another step forward in strengthening food security, supporting local farmers, and creating new employment opportunities.

This follows in the heels of the Caribbean Organic Foodstuff Co. Ltd's opening of their state-of-the-art Manna flour factory in Carmelita Village. With Belize being the only country in the region that is generally self-sustainable with food, the prospects of lower prices in Belize and for export to the region is high. Manufacturing is one of the targets of the planBelize government in it quest to diversify job positions in Belize. Currently, there is an extremely low unemployment rate but the statistics also show that there is space for the increasing of the labour force with person who have chosen for different reasons to not work. At the manna factory, the number of women doing the manual and the office jobs was very lopsided indicating that men are generally already employed elsewhere.

The future has a great short term and long term outlook with Manufacturing, Agricultural, and Tourism expansions. In Manufacturing is sugar, concrete, flour and more. In Agriculture there is coconuts, pitahaya, soy and more. In Tourism, there are new flights, new destinations, awards, new cruise ships and more room construction. Christmas purchasing is at levels not seen for more than a decade. We are on the right track no doubt. Yet the work continues.

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EDITORIAL

PAYING IT FORWARD

The effulgence that emanates from every Christmas tree lit fuels the joy of the season within each Belizean soul. The tradition of Christmas, be it religious, as is the truth, or be it 'commercialised', as is the reality, is joyfully and solemnly celebrated by all. As expected, the Grinches will be out in full force, shameless in their minority stance. Who are the Belizean-styled Grinches? Any Belizean who travels in Belize and cannot countenance the difference in eating roads and the PUP's building of roads for more people to eat is a Grinch. Any Belizean who sees the irrefutable job numbers and low unemployment and still say things like, "the pay no even good", is a Grinch. Any media House that chooses to lead their newscast with murders, heists, traffic accidents, or manufactured "corruption" instead of the new bridge, trade agreements, digitalisation push, high Gross Domestic Product, low inflation, record number of streets paved, highway upgrades or National Health Insurance funded by our Boledo is a Grinch. Hoping that Belize will fail for you to hopefully gain power, probably is sadly Grinch-like, with the main difference that even the Grinch finally realised that there is a noble spirit in Christmas. For too many, there is no paying it forward.

The new year 2025 came in with the political expectation of a new mandate, as the Prime Minister was expected to call for General Elections a few months before they were due. The previous month, December 2024, saw the first iteration of two of the many great projects for the Belizean people. The first was the Million Dollar boledo, which was a gift from the Government Lotteries to the people. The second was conceptualised to pinch into the cost of living. The Prime Minister, in partnership with the Belize Tax Service, announced, in a genuine Christmas gift surprise, two GST-free weekends. During these weekends, all, except a few, goods would be on sale without incurring the General Sales Tax of 12.5 per cent. The tale of those weekends was a five-million-dollar saving by the Belizean people.

Hikes in the cost of living are felt first by the poor, then by the lower middle class, and finally by all those who spend thriftily. The government of Belize knows this well, as PUP representatives are always in touch with and listening to their constituents. John Briceño understands that our booming macro economy, the lowest unemployment on record, and the whole shopping frenzy in stores and sold-out public events do show an elevated purchasing power, but many are still feeling a dire pinch. So the Government of Belize has done the following: MSME Tax Amnesty; BPO move to Global Digital; $5 Minimum Wage soon up to $6; 8.5 per cent raise for teachers and public servants; Raise in Subsidy for UB; Financial Aid to hundreds of Students; Free Education at 23 Schools/12,000 plus Students: Tuition, books, devices, uniform, meals, transport; Public Hospitals are FEE Free; NHI Health Care Access; People's Boledo proceeds for Health care & Sports; Access to Housing and Land decreases the need for rent; NO new taxes; Buy Belize policy benefitting local products; Less Income Tax for thousands; Price Barrack Commissary for Police, BDF, & Coast Guard; Healthy Start Meals reach 15,000 Students Daily; Back to School – GST-free Weekends; Expanded list of controlled goods; Enforcement of price gouging laws; Issuing tickets to businesses that violate the pricing rules; Exemption from GST and Customs Duties on feminine hygiene products; Passing on Savings on Butane; GoB Stabilize Cost of Regular and Diesel Fuels; and more. In 2025, Belize voted for more of the above, and the government continued policies that would enhance all those actions already taken.

So, as we head into a weekend when Belize will flex its purchasing power without any buyer's remorse, let us remember the small but great things. Share as much as you can with those who need. Share your knowledge to help Belize progress. Drive defensively. Drink socially and prudently. Respect yourself and your family. Helping others is tantamount to helping ourselves. Pay it forward whenever possible.

The Belize Times Newspaper and Vibes Media Radio and Television's whole staff join Prime Minister Briceño, Deputy Prime Minister Hyde, Chairman Usher, Deputy Leaders, Caucus Chairs, BYM, UWG, Marshalls, Order of Distinguished Service and the rest of the PUP Family in greeting our patrons, readers, advertisers, online followers, radio listeners, TV viewers, supporters and all Belizeans home & abroad a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas 2025 as we look forward to a Joyous New Year Celebration.

en Español

PAGANDO POR ADELANTADO

El resplandor que emana de cada árbol de Navidad iluminado alimenta la alegría de la temporada en el alma de cada beliceño. La tradición de la Navidad, ya sea religiosa, como es la verdad, o «comercializada», como es la realidad, es celebrada con alegría y solemnidad por todos. Como era de esperar, los Grinches saldrán con toda su fuerza, sin vergüenza alguna en su postura minoritaria. ¿Quiénes son los Grinch al estilo beliceño? Cualquier beliceño que viaje por Belice y no pueda tolerar la diferencia entre comer carreteras y construir carreteras por parte del PUP para que más gente pueda comer es un Grinch. Cualquier beliceño que vea las cifras irrefutables sobre empleo y el bajo desempleo, y siga diciendo cosas como «el sueldo ni siquiera es bueno», es un Grinch. Cualquier medio de comunicación que decida abrir su noticiario con asesinatos, atracos, accidentes de tráfico o «corrupción» fabricada en lugar de con el nuevo puente, los acuerdos comerciales, el impulso de la digitalización, el alto producto interior bruto, la baja inflación, el número récord de calles pavimentadas, las mejoras en las autopistas o el seguro nacional de salud financiado por nuestro Boledo es un Grinch. Esperar que Belice fracase para llegar al poder es, probablemente, algo muy parecido a lo que haría el Grinch, con la diferencia principal de que incluso el Grinch finalmente se dio cuenta de que hay un espíritu noble en la Navidad. Para muchos, no existe el «pagar por adelantado».

El nuevo año 2025 llegó con la expectativa política de un nuevo mandato, ya que se esperaba que el primer ministro convocara elecciones generales unos meses antes de lo previsto. El mes anterior, en diciembre de 2024, se llevó a cabo la primera iteración de dos de los muchos grandes proyectos para el pueblo beliceño. El primero fue la lotería del millón de dólares, un regalo de las Loterías del Gobierno al pueblo. El segundo se conceptualizó para reducir el coste de la vida. El primer ministro, en colaboración con el Servicio Fiscal de Belice, anunció, como auténtica sorpresa navideña, dos fines de semana sin GST. Durante esos fines de semana, todos los productos, salvo unos pocos, se venderían sin aplicar el impuesto general sobre las ventas del 12,5 %. El resultado de esos fines de semana fue un ahorro de cinco millones de dólares para el pueblo beliceño.

Las subidas del coste de la vida las notan primero los pobres, luego la clase media baja y, por último, todos aquellos que gastan con moderación. El Gobierno de Belice lo sabe bien, ya que los representantes del PUP siempre están en contacto con sus electores y les escuchan. John Briceño entiende que nuestra floreciente macroeconomía, la tasa de desempleo más baja jamás registrada y el frenesí de compras en las tiendas y los eventos públicos con entradas agotadas muestran un elevado poder adquisitivo, pero muchos siguen sintiendo una gran presión. Por ello, el Gobierno de Belice ha tomado las siguientes medidas: amnistía fiscal para las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas; transición de BPO a Global Digital; aumento del salario mínimo de 5 a 6 dólares; aumento del 8,5 % para los profesores y los funcionarios públicos; aumento de las subvenciones para la UB; ayuda financiera a cientos de estudiantes; educación gratuita en 23 escuelas/más de 12 000 estudiantes: matrícula, libros, dispositivos, uniformes, comidas, transporte; Hospitales públicos gratuitos; acceso a la asistencia sanitaria del NHI; ingresos del Boledo del pueblo para la asistencia sanitaria y los deportes; acceso a la vivienda y la tierra, lo que reduce la necesidad de alquilar; NO a nuevos impuestos; política «Buy Belize» que beneficia a los productos locales; menos impuestos sobre la renta para miles de personas; precios de comestibles para la policía, las Fuerzas de Defensa de Belice y la Guardia Costera; comidas «Healthy Start» para 15 000 estudiantes al día; vuelta al colegio: fines de semana sin GST; Ampliación de la lista de productos controlados; aplicación de las leyes contra la especulación; imposición de multas a las empresas que incumplan las normas de fijación de precios; exención del GST y de los derechos de aduana sobre los productos de higiene femenina; transferencia del ahorro en butano; estabilización por parte del Gobierno de Belice del coste de la gasolina y el gasóleo; y mucho más. En 2025, Belice votó a favor de más medidas como las anteriores, y el Gobierno continuó con las políticas que mejorarían todas las acciones ya emprendidas.

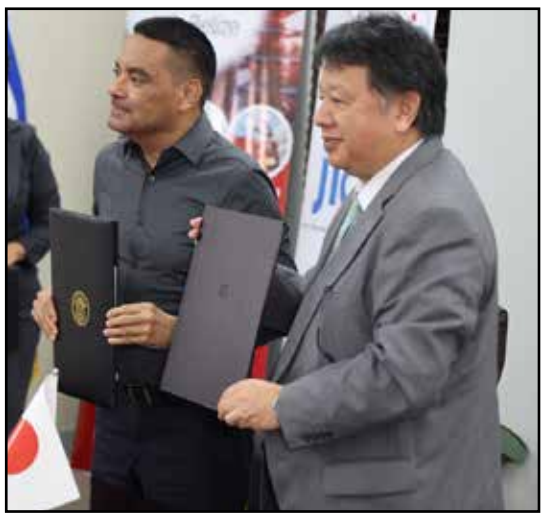
Así pues, al acercarnos a un fin de semana en el que Belice ejercerá su poder adquisitivo sin remordimientos, recordemos las pequeñas pero grandes cosas. Comparta todo lo que pueda con quienes lo necesitan. Comparta sus conocimientos para ayudar a Belice a progresar. Conduzca con precaución. Beba con moderación y prudencia. Respétese a sí mismo y a su familia. Ayudar a los demás equivale a ayudarnos a nosotros mismos. Devuelva el favor siempre que sea posible.

Todo el personal del periódico Belize Times y de Vibes Media Radio and Television se une al primer ministro Briceño, al viceprimer ministro Hyde, al presidente Usher, a los vicepresidentes, a los presidentes de los grupos parlamentarios, a BYM, UWG, los mariscales, la Orden del Servicio Distinguido y al resto de la familia PUP para felicitar a nuestros clientes, lectores, anunciantes, seguidores en línea, oyentes de radio, telespectadores, simpatizantes y a todos los beliceños, tanto en el país como en el extranjero, una muy feliz y bendita Navidad 2025, mientras esperamos con ilusión la celebración de un alegre Año Nuevo.

SIGNING CEREMONY: RECONSTRUCTION OF THE OLD SWING BRIDGE

Breathing New Life into One of Belize's Iconic Landmarks

On Wednesday December 17, 2025, in the Caucus Room at City Hall, the Government of Belize and the Government of Japan, signed the Grant Agreement for the reconstruction of the "Old Swing Bridge" in Belize City. On October 16, 2024, the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) and the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) in partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the JICA Survey Team (JST) met to discuss the Swing Bridge Replacement Project and the feasibility of implementing the project under Japan's Grant Aid. From concept to feasibility the signing ceremony signals a vision realized.



The Belize City Swing Bridge which crosses the mouth of the Haulover Creek connects the Northside and Southside of the "Old Capital" and is the oldest swing bridge in Central America. It was constructed in Liverpool, England, in 1922 and installed and opened to the public on April 11, 1923. Originally, it was swung manually by four persons using a hand crank in the morning and in the evening to accommodate maritime traffic and, in the event of an impending storm, to accommodate boats seeking safe harbour. It is a rare living piece of engineering heritage characterized by Mayor Bernard Wagner in his opening remarks.

Wagner beaming with pride stated *"Other swing bridges have been limited to foot traffic elsewhere in the world, but ours is much more. For generations, it has stood as the beating heart of downtown Belize City, a daily crossing point for thousands and a powerful symbol linking our Southside and our Northside communities."* The new bridge will complement Mayor Wagner's vision for a Floating Boardwalk and the transformation of Belize City into a Smart City.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Francis Fonseca remarked in similar tone *"We are here today to build not only a bridge in the physical sense, but a bridge of enduring cooperation and friendship between Belize and Japan, a bridge that will continue to enable Belizeans and the growing number of visitors to our country to move seamlessly between the north and south sides of Belize City for generations to come."*

Hon Julius Espat, Minister of Infrastructure Development and Housing, provided an overview of the project. It will be a two-span steel concrete positive slab bridge, spanning a length of 42 meters long and accommodate vehicular traffic as well as bicycle paths and pedestrian walkways. Minister Espat suggested that *"…apart from building a more modern and resilient bridge, this project is also about maintaining the culture that the bridge represents"*

The importance of what the bridge represents to the commercial hub of the city was not lost and was highlighted by the Prime Minister in his keynote address. *"Belize City is the country's main commercial center. As a critical point in the city's transport network, this replacement bridge puts climate adaptation and accessibility at the forefront, reducing risk, improving reliability and supporting the continued economic activity in Belize City."*

Significantly, the Project for the Reconstruction of the Swing Bridge is also a testament to the ongoing and deepening of the friendly relationship between Belize and Japan, which was acknowledged by Ambassador Ryosuke Yamakura of the Embassy of Japan. And as FM Fonseca alluded, this year marks the 43rd anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Belize and Japan. Fonseca expressed *"Our bilateral relationship has steadily deepened. Our cooperation has been strategic, mutually beneficial, and transformative."* Fonseca continued saying *"It has supported Belize in advancing key national development priorities while aligning with our shared commitment to sustainable development, especially in areas of climate change, renewable energy, education, science and technology, and culture."*

Minister Fonseca and Ambassador Yamakura signed the Exchange of Notes and the Grant Agreement was signed by Prime Minister, John Briceño and JICA Chief Representative, Hiromi Nai. The expected date for completion of the project is 2028.

By Hilly Bennett

TAX FREE DAYS ARE BACK
DECEMBER
6TH – 7TH AND 20TH –21ST
General Sales Tax (GST) will be waived on local retail sales of ALL standard-rated goods. You can purchase goods in shops and stores across the country without having to pay the 12.5% tax usually applied to most purchases.
Some restrictions apply
CHECK YOUR RECEIPTS AFTER PURCHASE
to ensure GST is not incorrectly applied
REPORT OF ABUSE
Report any abuse or non-compliance by calling
613-2773/ 613-8375 /614-5731 /613-2840

CHRISTMAS CHEER 2025

Prime Minister John Briceño in OW Central

Prime Minister John Briceño held his trio of events this year as is usual. The children are overjoyed to receive early Christmas presents from Santa Clause. The Prime Minister lives for the moments when he can even slightly impact the lives of the children of his constituency and of Belize.

Merry Christmas to all Belizeans.

Hon. Henry Charles Usher in Fort George

The Magic of Christmas was on full display this past Saturday at the annual Fort George Children's Christmas Party

Seeing the smiles, laughter, and pure excitement on faces was truly priceless. The joy in the air reminded us all what this season is really about—love, togetherness, and giving from the heart.

I extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out, supported, volunteered, and helped make the day so special. Your presence and generosity created a warm, safe, and happy space for our children to simply be children and enjoy the season's wonder.

Fort George, this is who we are—a caring, united community that shows up for our young ones. I am deeply grateful to have shared such a beautiful and joyous day with you all. #fortgeorgestrong #foreverblazing

Dangriga Tree Lighting

A festive night. First, we thank God for the beautiful weather. Thanks to the organizers for a fun filled evening. Thanks also the all the participants and to the Police Dept. for keeping order during the parade. (post) Hon. Zabaneh and Mayor Mariano were hosts.

Merry Christmas!

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 1/2026

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $83,200,000.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Friday, 2 January 2026 and will be redeemed on Friday 3 April 2026.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 31 December 2025.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Friday 2 January 2026.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

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Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

11 December 2025

Government of Belize

PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Construction of the Tertiary Hospital in the Belmopan Area Project

Institution: Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize
Country: BELIZE
Project: The Tertiary Hospital in the Belmopan Area Project
Process ID: RFB/SFD/2/795/01
Deadline: **January 19th, 2026; at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) for the Construction of the Tertiary Hospital in the Belmopan Area Project.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Project's proceeds to procure the services of a construction company to undertake the "Construction of the Tertiary Hospital in the Belmopan Area Project, Belize" and invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit the sealed "prequalification exercise" for these works.

The Ministry of Finance invites interested bidders to access the full version of this **Prequalification of Bidders Notice** online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit the prequalification exercise in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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Tel: 501-822-4106
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

CHRISTMAS CHEER 2025

Hon. Oscar Mira: Belmopan Christmas Children's party!

The weather called for rain, but just like last year, we knew Jehovah would give us a great day, and so it was.

First Mayor Pablo Cawich welcomed everyone and after a few words by our Hon. Oscar Mira we got down to business!! Over 5000 children were waiting for a toy! Each and every child got a gift!

Thank you to everyone that helped! To the team who kept it organized! To the Mayor and Councilors, to my Secretary, to Recondev, to Giov, to everyone that made this one more successful event for our residents of Belmopan! (post)

Merry Christmas!

Hon. Monchi Cervantes, OW North

It's that wonderful time of year again, the Hon. Cervantes has begun the holiday season by sharing warmth and Christmas cheer with the children of our constituency.

He visited Chapels School, where each child received a goodies bag from Santa Claus and a small Christmas gift to brighten their day. Seeing their joy and excitement continues to motivate the Honorable to serve Orange Walk North with dedication and care.

Their smiles truly make a difference.

Wishing all families a joyful and blessed Christmas season! (post)

Hon. Thea in Central Park Corozal

"Tonight my heart feels heavy in the best way.

Weeks of planning, pushing, worrying, working! All of it faded the moment Corozal Central Park lit up and I saw families standing together, kids smiling, elders soaking it all in. That feeling is hard to put into words. It's love, it's gratitude, it's pride in a community that shows up for each other every single time.

Thank you, Corozal, for allowing me to pour my heart into creating moments like this, for trusting the process, and for reminding me why this work matters so much. Sharing this season with you means everything to me.

No place like home." Hon. Thea

Benque Town Council

The Benque Viejo Town Council thanks every vendor and everyone who came out to support the Christmas Business Night Market and the lighting of our 60 ft Christmas tree at Coronation Park in Benque Viejo del Carmen.

We also thank every Benqueño who donated towards the Christmas tree lights, the Benque Viejo Marching Band, Los Hijos del West Jr., Benque Dance Company, El Ritmo Succotzeño, Haziel and the organizing committee. (post)

Feliz Navidad a todos.

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the following companies has been struck off the Register of Companies and dissolved with effect from the date indicated:

Name of Company	Date
EZ LINK LOGISTICS CORP.	12th December, 2025
Kango Victory Ltd.	12th December, 2025
WIDERICH GLOBAL CO., LTD.	12th December, 2025
YUPPY INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.	12th December, 2025
ZEMI INT'L LTD.	12th December, 2025
GOLD FAMOUS INC.	17th December, 2025

GenPro Consulting (Belize) Limited
Registered Agent

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BLACKROAD CORP. – 17th December, 2025

Icaza Belize Trust Corporation Limited
Registered Agent

SFD
الصندوق السعودي للتنمية
Saudi Fund for Development

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)
(CONSULTING FIRM)

Consultancy Services to Undertake a Feasibility Study, Develop Concept Design, and Supervise the Installation of Utility Scale Solar Photovoltaic Plant with Battery Energy Storage System

Institution: Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize
Country: Belize, Central America
Loan No.: 2/801
Project Name: Construction of Solar Energy Plant Project, Belize
RFP No.: RFP/SFD/2/801/02
Duration: Twenty – One (21) Months
Deadline: January 5, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) to undertake the Construction of a Solar Energy Plant Project.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Project's proceeds to procure the services of a Consulting Firm **to Undertake a Feasibility Study, Develop Concept Design, and Supervise the Installation of Utility Scale Solar Photovoltaic Plant with a Battery Energy Storage System".**

The Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance invites interested firms to access the full version of this REOI online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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Swing Bridge Replacement Project

Preparatory Survey Launch

Remarks by PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRICEÑO

Belize City Hall, December 17, 2025

I am pleased to be here with you today for this signing ceremony, which is another manifestation of my government's commitment to rebuilding and modernizing our nation's infrastructure. For generations, the bridge at Albert Street, known to all Belizeans as the Swing Bridge has been a central part of our country's movement, commerce, and identity. Its significance more so important when you consider the fact that it is located in one of the most flood-prone and climate-exposed areas of our country at the mouth of historic Haulover Creek. Of course, Belize is no stranger to this balancing act, especially here in Belize City, which is at sea level. For us then, this project is in part preserving a part of our rich cultural relic, while anticipating the harsh realities of construction is a flood prone part of the nation.

Today, we approach this project fully aware that replacing the swing is replacing a part of Belize City's identity. We also know however that time marches on and that its replacement is necessary for a future where public safety, economic continuity, and climate resilience are a priority.

The preparatory survey being undertaken with the support of the Government of Japan and JICA is an essential step in ensuring that this investment is properly designed and responsibly delivered. This approach allows us to make informed decisions, manage risk, and ensure value for money. This is also a step towards the urban future we envision. Belize City is the country's main commercial centre.

As a critical point in the city's transport network, this replacement bridge puts climate adaptation and accessibility at the forefront, reducing risks, improving reliability, and supporting the continued economic activity in Belize City. I want to thank the Government of Japan and JICA for supporting this development. It truly reflects the strength of Belize's partnership with Japan, built on technical excellence, transparency, and a joint objective of progressive, sustainable development. We value this collaboration and the expertise being brought to this process, and we commend the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing for leading on behalf of the Government and people of Belize.

The work of the JICA Survey Team and Oriental Consultants Global cannot go unsung. Infrastructure must be designed not only to be built, but to be operated and maintained over time, under increasingly challenging conditions. And we know that this requires a high-quality expertise, exhibited by all those involved. As this survey progresses through its defined stages, the Government of Belize will do its part in ensuring successful implementation and long-term performance.

Infrastructure delivery remains central to our development agenda #PlanBelize. Through careful planning and trusted partnerships, we are advancing projects that reduce vulnerability and support sustainability and deliver on #PlanBelize. It signals that we are moving deliberately and responsibly toward a modern, resilient replacement for a bridge that has long served Belize City.

With this signing, we strengthen confidence in the process, in our partnerships, and in our collective ability to deliver quality infrastructural growth, fit for a growing people and nation.

I Thank you.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Own Shares in our Mollejon, Chalillo, and Vaca Dams

December 17th, 2025 - The Government of Belize is taking a major step toward placing national energy assets into Belizean hands by announcing the launch of a public share sale for Hydro Belize Limited. Beginning December 18, 2025, Belizeans will have the opportunity to become shareholders in the company that owns the hydroelectric plants on the Macal River in the Cayo District.

Hydro Belize Limited, formerly Fortis Belize Limited, operates three hydroelectric facilities with a combined capacity of 51 megawatts. Together, these plants supply approximately one-third of the annual electricity distributed by Belize Electricity Limited (BEL). In 2024, the company generated gross revenues of about BZ$50 million and operates under long-term power supply agreements, making it one of the most stable and strategic energy assets in the country.

The Government completed the purchase of the hydro plants from Fortis Inc. of Canada on October 31, 2025. At the time of the acquisition, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño committed to a divestment program that would allow Belizean individuals and investors to own shares in the company. That commitment is now being fulfilled.

In the first phase of the divestment, four million shares—representing 50 percent of the company—are being offered for sale at BZ$29 per share. If all shares are sold, the Government is expected to recoup approximately BZ$116 million of its purchase cost. The remaining 50 percent of the shares will be retained by the Government for now.

The share sale opens on December 18, 2025, and closes on January 20, 2026. Application forms are available online at www.hydrobelize.com and at major branches of Atlantic Bank Limited, which is serving as the paying agent. Approved subscribers will have until February 4, 2026, to complete payment.

The offering is regulated under the Securities Industry Act of 2021, ensuring transparency and investor protection. A detailed prospectus outlining the company's operations, financial performance, risks, and future projections has been made publicly available, giving potential investors a clear picture before they commit.

Prime Minister Briceño has emphasized that this initial share offering is intended primarily for individual Belizeans rather than large institutions. He explained that the goal is to allow everyday citizens—teachers, public officers, members of the Belize Defence Force, small business owners, and working families—to invest and benefit directly from a reliable national asset.

For the ordinary Belizean man and woman, this share sale represents more than an investment opportunity. It is a chance to earn potential dividends from a stable energy company while also having a personal stake in the country's energy future. Owning shares means that part of the revenue generated from Belize's rivers and renewable resources can flow back to Belizean households, rather than overseas shareholders.

The Government has also expressed optimism that the Social Security Board, which represents approximately 190,000 Belizean workers and pensioners, will eventually invest in the retained shareholding, further ensuring that the benefits of the company are widely shared among the population.

Once the current offer closes, the Government will issue a comprehensive report, and the Prime Minister will present an up-

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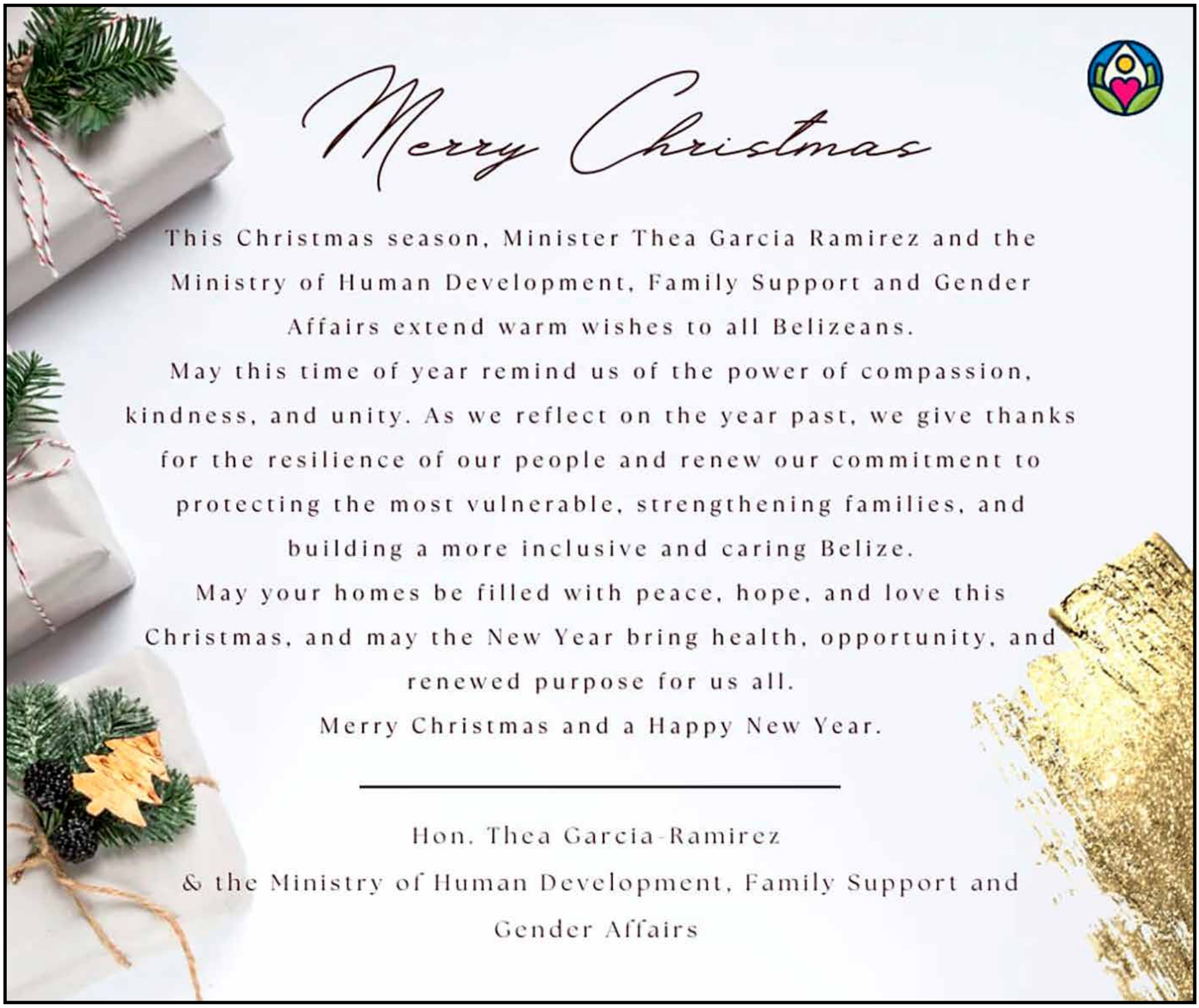
Merry Christmas
This Christmas season, Minister Thea Garcia Ramirez and the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs extend warm wishes to all Belizeans.
May this time of year remind us of the power of compassion, kindness, and unity. As we reflect on the year past, we give thanks for the resilience of our people and renew our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable, strengthening families, and building a more inclusive and caring Belize.
May your homes be filled with peace, hope, and love this Christmas, and may the New Year bring health, opportunity, and renewed purpose for us all.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez
& the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs

Government Launches Share Sale Offer for Hydro Belize Limited

Belmopan, December 17, 2025.

Tomorrow, the Government of Belize will launch the share sale offer for Hydro Belize Limited, formerly Fortis Belize Limited. Hydro Belize owns three hydroelectric power plants – namely, the Mollejon, Chalillo and Vaca facilities – which operate on the Macal River in the Cayo District and provide approximately a third of annual power supplied by Belize Electricity Ltd. to its consumers.

Together, the plants have a capacity of 51 megawatts of power, hold long term power supply agreements with BEL, and generated gross annual revenues in 2024 of approximately BZ$50 million.

The Government concluded the purchase of these three power plants from Fortis Inc. of Canada on October 31 of this year.

In the first instance, four million shares representing 50% of the current outstanding shares of the company will be offered for sale at a price of BZ$29 per share.

At the time of the acquisition, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño pledged a divestment program so that Belizean individuals and investors have the opportunity to own shares in Hydro Belize. The Government would recoup some $116 million if all four million shares are sold.

The share sale opens December 18, 2025, and closes on January 20, 2026, with application forms available online at the Hydro Belize website www.hydrobelize.com or at major branches of Atlantic Bank Limited, the Paying Agent for the share sale. Subscribers will thereafter have a 15-day period – to February 4, 2026 – to complete payment.

The share sale is subject to the regulations of the recently enacted Securities Industry Act of 2021, thus requiring thorough disclosures of the company's operations, risks to its performance, reports of recent financial operations, as well as projections of future performance. A prospectus detailing all information relevant to the share sale is available online.

The Government is optimistic that the Social Security Board, following its due diligence and investment examination process, will be a major investor in the 50% shareholding that the Government has retained. Social Security represents 190 thousand Belizean workers and pensioners.

Once the current share sale offer closes, a comprehensive report will be issued by the Government. Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño will also provide a report to the House of Representatives.

The Government is confident that the entirety of its purchase price will be recouped, that numerous economic benefits will arise from this strategic divestment, and that Belize's energy security has been substantially enhanced by the original acquisition. (release)

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date to the House of Representatives. Officials remain confident that the full purchase price of the hydro plants will be recovered and that the divestment will generate long-term economic benefits.

By opening ownership of Hydro Belize to the public, the Government is reinforcing energy security, promoting local investment, and giving Belizeans a direct role in a critical sector of national development—turning electricity generation into a shared national asset for present and future generations.

Parliamentary Recess Period Announced

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, The National Assembly (of Belize) hereby informs the public that, in accordance with Standing Order 11 of the House of Representatives and Standing Order 9 of the Senate, the third parliamentary recess period will commence on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, and will conclude on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

The National Assembly (of Belize) encourages the public to stay informed on legislative matters by visiting our official website www.nationalassembly.gov.bz and our social media pages on Facebook at National Assembly of Belize and on Instagram @bzparliament. (release)

Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

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LETTER TO THE Editor

Season's Greetings to Belize

Dear Editor,

As the year draws to a close, I take this opportunity to extend warm Christmas greetings and best wishes for a successful New Year to all Belizeans at home and abroad.

Christmas is a time for reflection, gratitude, and togetherness. It reminds us of the importance of family, faith, kindness, and community—values that have always carried Belize through both good times and challenging moments. Despite our differences, this season calls on us to embrace unity, compassion, and goodwill toward one another.

As we look ahead to the New Year, may we do so with renewed hope and purpose. Let us commit to supporting one another, working honestly, and contributing positively to our communities. Progress begins when each of us takes responsibility—not only for our own success, but for the well-being of our nation.

May this festive season bring peace to our homes, strength to those facing hardship, and joy to every child across Belize. Let us also remember those who are less fortunate and extend a helping hand wherever we can, keeping the true spirit of Christmas alive.

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish all Belizeans a Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy, and successful New Year. May 2026 be a year of growth, unity, and continued blessings for our beloved country.

Sincerely,
Proud Belizean

LETTER TO THE Editor

Stay Positive, Stay Focused, Belize

Dear Editor,

At a time when Belize is moving forward economically, and the benefits of PlanBelize are becoming a visible reality, it is more important than ever for us as Belizeans to stay positive—not reactive. This government has remained committed to transparency, accountability, and putting people first, and I urge all our area representatives to stay focused on the mandate Belizeans entrusted to them just months ago.

It is unfortunate, but not surprising, that individuals like Jules Vasquez continue to wage personal attacks on the Government. When a government consistently delivers, critics often shift from facts to hostility. But Belizeans must rise above that noise. We cannot afford to let negativity drown out progress.

As a recent article in Belize Breaking News pointed out, "Belize's biggest problem is not the government, not the economy, and not even crime—it is the mindset of too many of our people. The way we react, the way we tear each other down, and the way we dismiss ideas keep this country from moving forward."

Look at how we responded when a senator declared assets earned before entering government. In the same article, "Instead of inspiration or curiosity, the reaction was condemnation. When someone shares thoughtful ideas, people scoff, "ChatGPT wrote that," as if intelligence and creativity don't belong to us. And when someone says we should want the government to succeed because the country succeeds with it, the response is "Never!"—a mindset that poisons progress."

Belize needs accountability, debate, and a strong opposition—that balance strengthens our democracy.

Belize will rise when we stop resenting success, stop mocking ideas, and stop reacting with anger instead of reasoning. Let us choose unity, gratitude, and forward-thinking. Let us support progress—because when Belize wins, we all win.

Sincerely,
Proud Belizean

CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Research and Economic Analysis Department.

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- Copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates
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Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Desktop Publishing Officer- Research & Economic Analysis Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)

The Ministry of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management wishes all Belizeans a joyful Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year.

**As we celebrate with family and loved ones,
let us remain mindful of safety, preparedness,
and care for one another.**

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Major Reforms Passed in House

Announced: Official opening of the newly renovated National Assembly Building Friday, January 30, 2026

The House of Representatives convened on Friday December 12, 2025, at 10:38 a.m. at the George Price Centre, marking a significant sitting that advanced wide-ranging legislation aimed at strengthening Belize's economy, justice system, financial sector, and social protections.

Madam Speaker, Valerie Woods made key announcements, including the establishment of a Parliamentary Calendar and gave notice that the official opening of the newly renovated National Assembly Building will take place on Friday, January 30, 2026, with the first ordinary sitting scheduled for February 6, 2026.

At the center of the sitting was the Sugar Industry and Cogeneration Project (Amendment) Bill, 2025, legislation widely regarded as critical to the future of one of Belize's most important productive sectors. The Bill amends the Sugar Industry and Cogeneration Project Act to extend exemptions from certain taxes and duties to support the continued development of the cogeneration energy project.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño emphasized that the sugar industry is facing deep structural challenges. He went on to state that the owners of Belize Sugar Industries (BSI) had met with Cabinet to outline what's affecting both cane farmers and the factory, including insufficient cane supply, rising operational costs, and the urgent need for ongoing investments to modernize the sugar mill and cogeneration plant.

Building A More Resilient Sugar Industry

The Government's response has been a collaborative one. During his presentation, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño confirmed that **discussions were held with all four cane farmers' associations, BSI/ASR, and the Ministry of Agriculture** to examine recommendations from the earlier Commission of Inquiry and chart a workable path forward. After months of consultations, a comprehensive assistance package valued at $122.6 million was established, covering infrastructure development, training, workshops, loan assistance, the establishment of technical working groups, and more.

Further support is coming through international partnerships. Through the 5Cs framework, the Government has secured US$25 million in grant funding to help build a more resilient sugar industry. The aim, according to the Prime Minister, is to ensure the industry remains not only sustainable but profitable, protecting livelihoods in the north and strengthening national energy production through cogeneration.

Protecting Local Production

Also, passed was the Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2025, which adjusts import duties on soups and broths in solid or powder form, including ramen noodles. Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño made it clear that the amendment is about protecting local production without burdening consumers. "We are producing our own, and we need to support our own producers." He continued, "By giving this 20 percent added protection, it will not affect poor people because the price will not go up."

Financial Digital Asset Activities

Financial sector reform featured prominently with the passage of the Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) Bill, 2025, alongside the Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2025. Together, these Bills position Belize to responsibly introduce and regulate digital asset activities while remaining compliant with international standards.

Prime Minister Briceño explained that existing prohibitions on digital assets are set to expire at the end of December. "For us to comply, we must pass the legislation to legalize it, while allowing the Financial Services Commission to establish regulations and the FIU to conduct monitoring." Additionally, the amendments ensure Belize's anti-money laundering framework fully captures digital asset service providers in line with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations.

The accompanying Financial Services Commission amendment provides for a special licence for trading in digital assets, reinforcing oversight and investor confidence. Prime Minister Briceño noted that these reforms are critical to safeguarding Belize's reputation while opening the door to innovation in financial services.

Pension Reform for Judges

Judicial independence and institutional strength were addressed through the Judges' Salaries and Pensions Bill, 2025, which sets out salaries, pensions, and conditions of service for judges of the High Court and Court of Appeal. Government members stressed that fair and secure compensation is essential to maintaining an independent and effective judiciary. The Bill was passed without amendment.

Trade Licences are Fair

Economic modernization continued with the Trade Licensing (Amendment) (No.3) Bill, 2025, which clarifies how annual licence fees are determined in towns and villages. Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development and Local Government, Hon. Oscar Requena, explained that the amendment removes ambiguity between rural and urban licensing regimes and introduces a transparent three-year transition period.

He noted that the new system allows businesses to calculate their own fees, ensures predictability, removes the need for annual reassessments, and will be administered through an established digital platform, coming into effect for the 2026 licensing period.

Domestic Violence Continues Under a Microscope

Strong social reform was reflected in the passage of the Justices of the Peace (Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill, 2025. These amendments empower select Senior Justices of the Peace to issue interim protection orders in urgent and exceptional domestic violence cases, expanding access to justice, especially in communities where courts may not be immediately accessible. This reform could save lives by allowing quicker legal intervention for victims.

By the end of the sitting, the House approved all major legislation at third reading. The Sugar Industry and Cogeneration, Customs and Excise, Money Laundering, Financial Services Commission, Judges' Salaries and Pensions, Trade Licensing, and Domestic Violence Bills were all passed, most without amendment, while the Justices of the Peace Bill was passed with amendments.

Taken together, the Bills reflect a coordinated legislative agenda—supporting traditional industries like sugar, modernizing financial regulation, strengthening the judiciary, improving business certainty, and enhancing protections for vulnerable citizens. As Belize moves toward 2026 and the reopening of its National Assembly building, the sitting underscored a clear focus on economic resilience, institutional reform, and social justice for the nation.

PlanBelize 2.0 is at work as this government is committed to the mandate of Serving the People.

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

Request for Bids
Goods
(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Belize
Name of Project: Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project
Contract Title: Supply and Delivery of Biological Controls for Sugar Industry Research and Development Institute (SIRDI).
Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: P172592
RFB Reference No.: *BZ-SIF-513417-GO-RFB-2*

1. *The Government of Belize has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project* and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for *Supply and Delivery of Biological Controls for Sugar Industry Research and Development Institute (SIRDI).*

2. The *Belize Social Investment Fund* now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for *the procurement of goods for Supply and Delivery of Biological Controls for Sugar Industry Research and Development Institute (SIRDI).*

3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" *November, 2020* ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from *Belize Social Investment Fund, Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Sr. Procurement Officer* procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org and inspect the bidding document during office hours *8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.* at the address given below.

5. The bidding document in *English* may be requested by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before *10:30 a.m. Belize Local time on January 19th, 2026*. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "*Bid Security*" of

Lot 1- BZ-SIF-513417-01- Metaveria- USD$6,187.00

Lot 2- BZ-SIF-513417-02- Metarhizium anisopliae- USD$6,075.00

Lot 3- BZ-SIF-513417-03-Trichoderma, Bacillus, Streptomyces- USD$18,750.00

Lot 4- BZ-SIF-513417-04- Adjuvant (Inex-A) or equivalent- USD$7,500.00

Lot 5- BZ-SIF-513417-05- Rootex (Rooting Hormone) or equivalent- USD$9,000.00

Lot 6-BZ-SIF-513417-06- H-85 (Soil amendments)or equivalent- USD$6,510.00.

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on th successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address referred to above is:

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Visit to Florida Crystals Facilities

Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, visited the Florida Crystals milling operation facilities in Okeelanta, Florida, on December 11, 2025, hosted by Luis J. Fernandez, President of American Sugar Refining (ASR) Inc.

The purpose of the visit was to understand the many advances and synergies that ASR can bring to the northern sugar industry in Belize. The Minister observed the operations of the sugar mill, which mills approximately 24 kilo metric tons (Kmt) of sugar cane daily during the crop season, as well as ASR's world-leading Agricultural Centre of Excellence (ACE).

Particular focus was given to supporting cane farmers in Belize to improve the productivity, quality, and resilience of their sugar cane for supply to Belize Sugar Industries (BSI). This is a prerequisite for the viability of the northern sugar industry.

The Minister also observed the operations of the Florida Crystals Tissue Culture Lab, which can propagate 10,000 seedlings from each individual sugar cane. ASR has supported the tissue culture operation at the University of Belize, which will initiate the seed propagation of new, more resilient cane varieties developed by BSI in partnership with the West Indian Central Cane Breeding Station in Barbados over the past ten years. These varieties will then be multiplied through the tissue culture process in Florida, which will be able to provide 75,000 seedlings per month for replanting in Belize. This cutting-edge technology will help farmers to rapidly diversify their cane varieties, making the crop more climate-, disease-, and pest-resilient, while significantly improving productivity and farmers' revenue.

In addition, the Minister visited the Florida Crystals biochar facility, which produces a pure carbon product from rice husks which can rejuvenate soil health and reduce reliance on costly fertilizers. BSI plans to develop similar technology in Belize.

Minister Martinez and Mr. Fernandez discussed a road map for the revival of the Northern Belize sugar industry, based on the recent Commission of Inquiry outcomes and ASR's sustainability model, to make it viable and profitable for all industry stakeholders in the future. This public-private sector partnership will pave the way for future investment and greater efficiencies that support the long-term objectives of the industry. (release)

BROKDONG BRAM 2025

December 14 - The Belize National Orchestra set the tone for Brokdong Bram 2025 at the Battlefield Park in Belize City, opening the celebrations with a powerful performance rooted in Belizean sound.

Through music that reflects who we are, the Orchestra continues its mission to celebrate, preserve and share Belizean music, bringing it closer to all Belizeans, everywhere – an orchestra for all! (BCC Post)

Incredible Belizean performers included Youth Connection Band, New Creation, Nox, Missy B, Dawgie, Henry Genus Martinez, Creek Vibration with Masta G, Terry & Nello Player, Boom & Chime 2nd Generation, and the unforgettable Emmeth Young & Wilford Felix with the Malanti Dancers.

Brokdong Bram remains a living expression of Belize's history, resilience, and community spirit, where culture is our business!

This event would not have been possible without the support of the Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Culture and our team at the National Institute of Culture and History/Institute of Creative Arts. Let us recognise them for their continued support in sustaining platforms that honour our heritage and empower Belizean artists. (NCC post)

The National Celebrations Commission definitely opened up shop at the only celebration that is deeper than Independence—Christmas. Belize give thanks in what is truly deserving of the tradition tag—Bruk Down music.

Season's Greetings
Wishing you a life filled with Christmas blessings, now and always.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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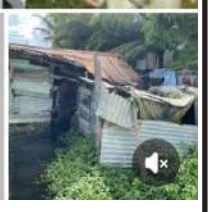
Hon Gilroy Usher & MIDH Agree More for Housing and Streets Improvement in Port Loyola

Samuel Beeks 3629 Faber's Rd Belize City will be the beneficiary of better housing with a Mennonite house on his land in time for Christmas. The house will be provided by MIDH, while the electrical wiring will be covered by the Hon. Gilroy Usher. Additionally, funds will be requested in the new Budget for similar housing improvement for three other families in the division.

Furthermore, for continued street improvement in the Port Loyola division MIDH will provide the estimate for the concreting of Auriel Hall St, Louise Bevans St, and the unpaved portion of Jane Usher Blvd. to Cabinet in time for its inclusion in the 2026-2027 Budget.

Those were three of the major things agreed to on Tuesday December 2nd in meeting at the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) between CEO Victor Espat and Hon Gilroy Usher Area Representative for Port Loyola / Minister of State for Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics. During the meeting Hon Gilroy Usher was accompanied by his brother and campaign manager Norman Usher.



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In Solidarity With Victims of Domestic Violence

December 12 - Members of Parliament stood together in orange, joining the national call to end gender-based violence during the 16 Days of Activism.

Orange is more than a color, it symbolizes hope, solidarity, and a future where every woman, man, and child in Belize can live free from fear.

Their presence and unity send a powerful message:

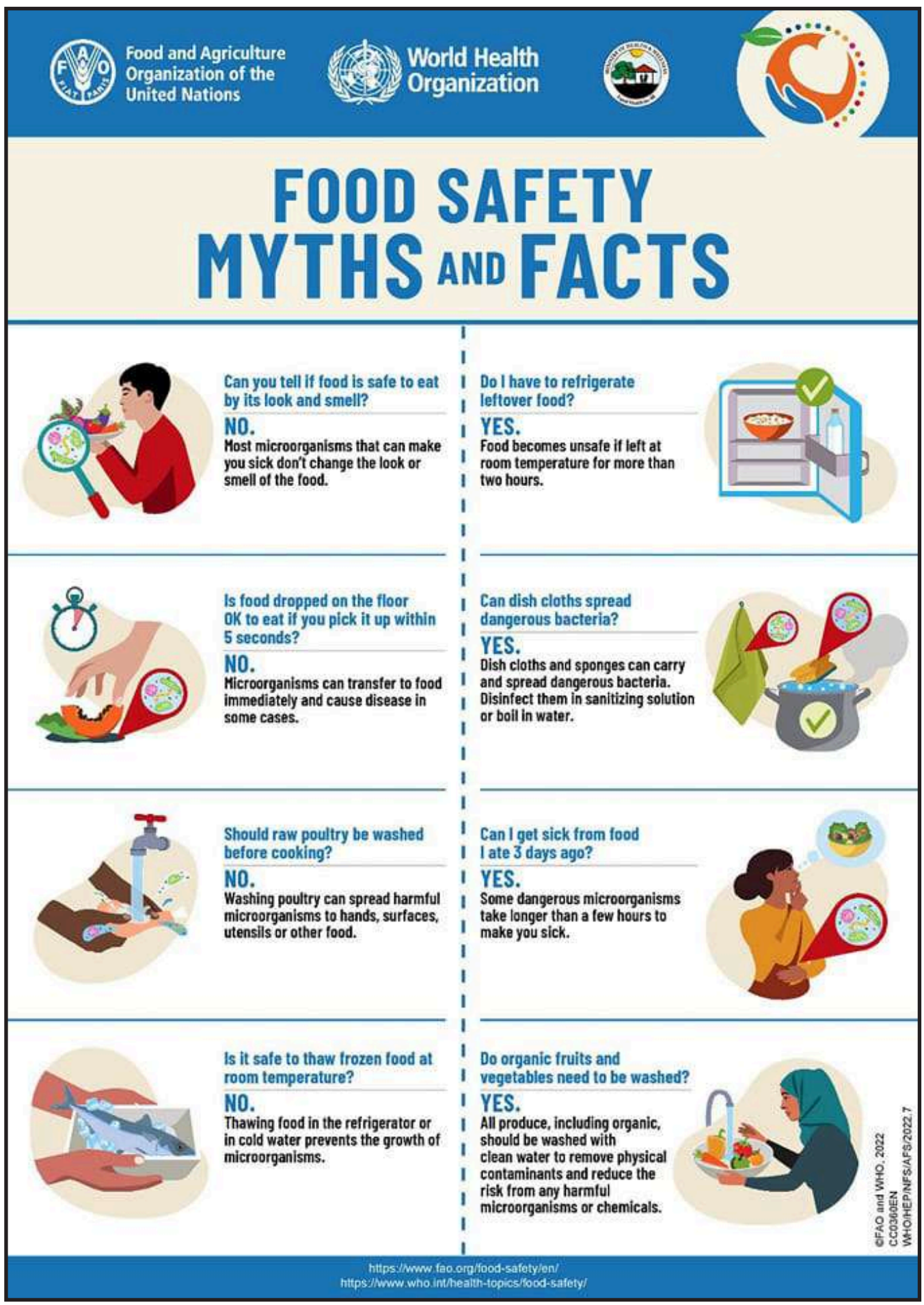
Ending gender-based violence is not a partisan issue. It is a national priority.

With the introduction of the Domestic Violence Act Amendment in Parliament during this campaign, Belize continues to take meaningful steps to strengthen protection, support survivors, and hold offenders accountable.

When our leaders stand together, our country stands stronger.

Let's keep the momentum going.

Let's continue to Prevent to Protect - today, tomorrow, and every day. (post)


Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
World Health Organization
FOOD SAFETY MYTHS AND FACTS
Can you tell if food is safe to eat by its look and smell?
NO.
Most microorganisms that can make you sick don't change the look or smell of the food.
Do I have to refrigerate leftover food?
YES.
Food becomes unsafe if left at room temperature for more than two hours.
Is food dropped on the floor OK to eat if you pick it up within 5 seconds?
NO.
Microorganisms can transfer to food immediately and cause disease in some cases.
Can dish cloths spread dangerous bacteria?
YES.
Dish cloths and sponges can carry and spread dangerous bacteria. Disinfect them in sanitizing solution or boil in water.
Should raw poultry be washed before cooking?
NO.
Washing poultry can spread harmful microorganisms to hands, surfaces, utensils or other food.
Can I get sick from food I ate 3 days ago?
YES.
Some dangerous microorganisms take longer than a few hours to make you sick.
Is it safe to thaw frozen food at room temperature?
NO.
Thawing food in the refrigerator or in cold water prevents the growth of microorganisms.
Do organic fruits and vegetables need to be washed?
YES.
All produce, including organic, should be washed with clean water to remove physical contaminants and reduce the risk from any harmful microorganisms or chemicals.
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https://www.who.int/health-topics/food-safety/

Advancing Economic and Development Priorities Min. Martinez in Washington

December 11, 2025 - Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, concluded a series of high-level meetings in Washington, D.C., aimed at strengthening cooperation between the Government of Belize and the United States and fostering further collaboration with multilateral financial institutions. During his visit, Minister Martinez engaged with U.S. Senator Rick Scott; Senator Ashley Moody of Florida; Joseph Salazar, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Daniel Watson, the Assistant United States Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere; Susana Cordeiro Guerra, World Bank Vice President for the Latin America and Caribbean Region; and senior representatives of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Across these engagements, Minister Martinez emphasized Belize's interest in advancing key development priorities. A central focus was exploring opportunities to advance Belize's developing energy sector and support efforts to increase the country's long-term energy generation potential. Minister Martinez also raised the pending final approval from the United States to permit the importation of green coconuts from Belize as a priority. Additional discussions explored opportunities for public sector investment projects to enhance trade competitiveness and secure concessionary development financing for the agriculture sector, particularly to strengthen value chains, increase climate resilience, expand market access, and improve access to affordable financing for small farmers to increase production.

The Minister was accompanied by Mr. Mac McLachlan, Vice President of International Relations at American Sugar Refining (ASR); Mr. Ruy Martinez, Regional Commercial Director at ASR; and Mr. Joshua Pott, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Belize in Washington, D.C. Following these meetings, the Minister will continue his itinerary with a visit to Florida for a site tour of American Sugar Refining's operations. Ends

NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE

The Belize Times Newspaper informs the public that our office will be closed from Monday Dec 22nd to Friday Dec 26th, 2025. For any inquiries or urgent matters, please contact us via email at belizetimesadvertisement@yahoo.com.

FIVE KEYS
TO SAFER FOOD
KEEP CLEAN
• Wash your hands before handling food and often during food preparation.
• Wash your hands after going to the toilet.
• Wash and sanitize all surfaces and equipment used for food preparation.
• Protect food from insects and other animals.
USE SAFE WATER AND RAW MATERIALS
• Use safer water or treat it to make it safe.
• Select fresh and wholesome foods.
• Wash fruits and vegetables, especially if eaten raw.
• Choose foods processed for safety, such as pasteurized milk.
SEPARATE RAW AND COOKED
• Use separate equipment and utensils such as knives and cutting boards to handling meat, poultry, seafood, and other raw foods.
• Store raw and preparated foods in separate containers.
COOK THOROUGHLY
• Cook food thoroughly, especially meat, poultry, eggs and seafood.
• Bring foods like soups and stews to boiling to make sure that they have reached 70°C (158°F).
• Reheat cooked food thoroughly.
70°C
KEEP FOOD AT SAFE TEMPERATURES
• Do not leave cooked food at room temperature for more than 2 hours.
• Refrigate promptly all cooked and perishable food (preferably below 5°C (41°F)).
• Keep cooked food piping hot (more than 60°C (140°F)).
• Do not thaw frozen food at room temperature.
60°C
5°C
DANGER ZONE
PAHO
Pan American Health Organization
World Health Organization

Training for Evidence-Based Goal Setting Focus on Industrial Policy

December 12, 2025 - The Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Investment through the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) held the "Evidence-Based Goal Setting in Industrial Policy" training in Belmopan.

The training program, led by UNIDO, is crucial to the development of the Industrial Strategy with Blue and Green Industrial Policies, which underpin three pillars: (1) investment and business promotion; (2) technology transfer and support to value chains; and (3) **industrial structure analysis and capacity building for policymaking.**

The current training focuses on the third pillar, industrial policymaking, in Belize, which emphasises evidence-based policy development. The course will help policymakers develop practical, data-driven development goals, and improve Belize's ability to set evidence-based goals in the industrial policy.

Participants adopted benchmarking tools and comparative analysis to formulate realistic targets. The session highlighted comparative benchmarking with CARICOM countries, selected international reference countries, and the use of data to track performance indicators such as:

- Manufacturing value added (MVA) and its share in GDP.
- Trade balance and food import substitution goals; and
- Employment creation and labor productivity.

The training was completed by 18 persons representing various organizations, including the Ministry of Investment, the Belize Chamber of Commerce, the Public-Private Partnership Unit, the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, BELTRAIDE, the Ministry of Economic Transformation, the Central Bank of Belize, and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Present at the closing ceremony and issuing of certificates were Mr. Lincoln Blake, Director, Investment Policy and Compliance Unit, Ministry of Investment; Mr. Anders Issakson, Chief, UNIDO's Division of Industrial Policy Advice and Capacity Development (IPC); and Ms. Alisha Weber, International Industrialization Expert, UNIDO. **(release)**

Strengthening Marine Enforcement

Two Additional Advanced Perimeter 8 Drones and Equipment

On 1st December 2025, the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP) within the Office of the Prime Minister officially handed over two advanced *Perimeter 8 Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS),* along with a full suite of office and operational equipment, to the Belize Coast Guard, valued at BZ**$322,705.75.** This investment is intended to strengthen enforcement and protection of Belize's marine resources and support the conservation milestones outlined in the Blue Bonds Agreement.

The package includes high performance computers, furniture, and essential equipment to strengthen the operationalization of the Belize Coast Guard Drone Squadron. The Perimeter 8 drones, renowned for their long- range endurance, rapid deployment capability, and high-resolution surveillance, will significantly enhance the Coast Guard's capacity to conduct real-time aerial surveillance/monitoring, enforce marine protected areas, and respond to illegal fishing activities. With the outfitting of the Drone Squadron's operational space, the Coast Guard is now equipped with the technology and infrastructure needed to deliver modern, data-driven approaches to marine protection and resource management.

This strategic investment forms a critical component of the Government Strategic Allocation (GSA) project titled **"Establishing the enabling environment for the development of a Marine Spatial Plan through strengthened governance, improved management, and enhanced monitoring of Belize's coastal and marine resources."** The project is being funded through the Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future (Belize Fund) and supports the Government of Belize and its agencies in achieving the conservation milestones under the Blue Bonds Program as outlined in the Conservation Funding Agreement.

The BBFP and the Belize Coast Guard reaffirm their shared commitment to advancing national maritime security and elevating Belize's leadership in global ocean stewardship. By integrating the unmanned aerial systems into frontline operations, Belize is better positioned to monitor biodiversity protection zones, safeguard coastal ecosystems, and uphold its long-term ocean governance goals.

This partnership marks another important step in securing the health of Belize's blue economy, ensuring that our marine biodiversity thrives, our coastal communities remain resilient, and the natural heritage we, the people of Belize, cherish continues to sustain and serve generations to come. (release)

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

IDB Inter-American Development Bank

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Country:	*Belize*
Project:	*Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas*
Loan/Credit/Grant No.:	*BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)*
Institution:	*Belize Social Investment Fund*
Abstract:	*National consultancy to conduct the supervision of rehabilitation works at the village level*
Contract/Bid No.:	*BL-L1045-P00006*
Deadline:	*January 8, 2026*

The *Government of Belize (GOBZ)* has received financing from the *Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*, towards the cost of the *Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") for *National consultancy to conduct the supervision of rehabilitation works at the village level* is to supervise the rehabilitation works under the Water and Sanitation Program. The firm will ensure that all activities are carried out in compliance with the approved designs, technical specifications, and standards, while maintaining quality, safety, and adherence to timelines. These works include compound rehabilitation, upgrade of water system equipment, refurbishment of storage reservoirs, and upgrades to pump houses and electrical systems to ensure compliance with current standards.

Scope of Services

1. Technical Inspection of Construction Works Services;
2. Undertake monitoring based on the project's ESMP with guidance from the Social and Environmental Management Officer;
3. Consult and advise the BSIF during the construction Works/ Goods delivery period(s);
4. Submit one (1) electronic copy in Microsoft Word format and one (1) electronic copy in PDF format of **monthly** progress reports.
5. Review and approve all shop and working drawings prepared by the Works Contractor and suppliers to ensure full compliance of such drawings with the requirements of the Consultant's designs, plans, and specifications;
6. Advise on the suitability of Sub-contractors;
7. Review and approve invoices submitted by the Works Contractor for payment of Works completed, and prepare payment certificates, and ensure that advanced payments issued to the Contractor are utilized for the intended purpose;
8. Hold monthly progress meetings with BSIF staff, Works Contractor, and beneficiaries so as to discuss and address matters pertaining to each sub-project's Works progress;
9. Liaise with the BSIF and relevant authorities, and offer assistance so as to expedite the acceptance and takeover of the Works;
10. Make a final inspection of the completed construction Works; recommend the issuing or non-issuing of the Completion Certificate within 14 days of the Works Contractor's request for issuance; and prepare a Completion Report to the BSIF within 30 days of the end of the Works by the Works Contractor;

The BSIF now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a short list comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 section 3.8 – Selection based on the Consultants' Qualification and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the IDB policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms' technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing detailed supervision services on rehabilitation projects, as well as local and regional experience, financial capability (liquidity ratio) and existing commitments. Technical competence of Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **QCBS method** set out in the Consultant Policies. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours of **8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Local Belize Time), except on Public Holidays.**

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **January 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** The submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked **"Expression of Interest – Consultancy to conduct the supervision of rehabilitation works at the village level."**

Attention:
Procurement Officer
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C, 4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
Telephone: 822-0239 or 822-0508/9
E-mail: kyla.cho@sifbelize.org
C: carlos.tun@sifbelize.org

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Ruben Recinos** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Good Stay Hotel Ltd."** located at # 1 Bishop Martin Dr., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jecy L. Parwani** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Pickadilly Night Club"** located at # 35 Churchill Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Alexander Lopez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mopan Fast Food"** located on Riverside St., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gonzalo D. Pleitez** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Vaca Outpost"** located at 8 Mls. Hyro Rd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bertita E. Cruz** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Hill View Sunset Bar & Grill"** located on Diaz St., Hills of Promise, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rosalia Domingo** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"El Rinconsito"** located in Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kapil Tehlani & Jaya Shankar Asudani** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Adhira Superstore"** located in Maya Mopan, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Carla J. Burkey** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Booze & Branches"** located on La Loma Luz Blvd., Branch Mouth Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zach A. Fitzgibbon** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Hadie's Shop"** located at # 41 Victoria Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Alita Gentle** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Gentle Cool Spot"** located in Gales Point Manatee Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Aili Chen** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sun Luck Shop"** located on Zericote Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shuyin Su** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"DK 24/7 Service Station"** located at # 126 Belize/Corozal Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shao Xia Wu** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Zhi Store"** located on Queen Victoria Ave., Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

ATV for CFZ

The Corozal Free Zone has donated a brand-new All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) to the Belize Police Department and has provided a building to serve as the new headquarters for the Belize Defence Force.

The ATV, valued at BZ$39,813.18, and the headquarters, with a total investment value of BZ$71,184.94, will enhance security monitoring and operations by allowing law enforcement personnel to remain onsite, respond swiftly to incidents, and maintain more consistent surveillance coverage at the Northern border, supporting the ongoing protection of the nation.

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER FOR THE GENERAL SECURITY AND SURVILLANCE OF THE SENIOR COURT BUILDING, THE OLD TREASURY BUILDING, THE COURT OF APPEAL AND THE SUPREME COURT LAW LIBRARY BUILDING, THE OLD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, JUSTICES OF THE SENIOR COURTS RESIDENCE, DAILY BANK DEPOSITS FOR THE GENERAL REGISTRY DEPARTMENT, AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S RESIDENCE.

Tenders are invited for the general security and surveillance of the Senior Court Building, the old Treasury building, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court Law Library, the old National bank building, Justices of the Senior courts residence, daily bank deposits for the General Registry Department and the Chief Justice's Residence.

1. The Tender shall be for a period of two (2) years. (January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2027)
2. The successful Tender will be expected to provide the following security and surveillance to the following locations:

   a. 24 hours security to the Senior Court Building – 4 guards for 7 days per week.

   b. 24 hours security to the Old Treasury Building – 3 guards for 7 days per week.

   c. the old National bank Building – from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday to Thursday and from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on Fridays – 1 guard.

   d. 24 hours security to the Chief Justice's Residence – 1 guard for 7 days per week.

   e. 12 hours security to the Justices of the Senior court's residence – 6 guard for 7 days per week.

The cost incurred to visit the facilities to be guarded and the preparation of the bids in the sole responsibility of the tenderer.

The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders are to be submitted in sealed envelopes marked "**TENDER FOR THE GENERAL SECURITY AND SURVILLANCE OF THE SENIOR COURT BUILDING, THE OLD TREASURY BUILDING, THE COURT OF APPEAL AND THE SUPREME COURT LAW LIBRARY BUILDING, THE OLD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, JUSTICES OF THE SENIOR COURTS RESIDENCE, DAILY BANK DEPOSITS FOR THE GENERAL REGISTRY DEPARTMENT, AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S RESIDENCE"** no later than **19th December 2025** at 5:00 pm (Belize Time).

Please note **LATE** bids will not we accepted. For any clarification/ queries, kindly contact the finance officer at financeofficer@belizejudiciary.org or phone number 614-4719 no later than 15th December, 2025.

The envelope should be clearly marked: **"CONFIDENTIAL -BID FOR SECURITY SERVICES (TWO YEAR TERM) -DO NOT OPEN BEFORE THE DEADLINE."**

Eligibility/ Minimum Requirements: Valid trade license, tax and social security compliance certificates, proof of prior experience in institutional security; staffing plan and insurance coverage.

This is to be submitted the: **Finance Officer,**

Belize Senior Courts

Treasury Lane

Belize City, Belize

The General Registry Department

The Attorney General's Ministry

Wishing you and yours a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the

HON. FRANCIS FONSECA

Minister of Culture

and his team at the

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CULTURE AND HISTORY

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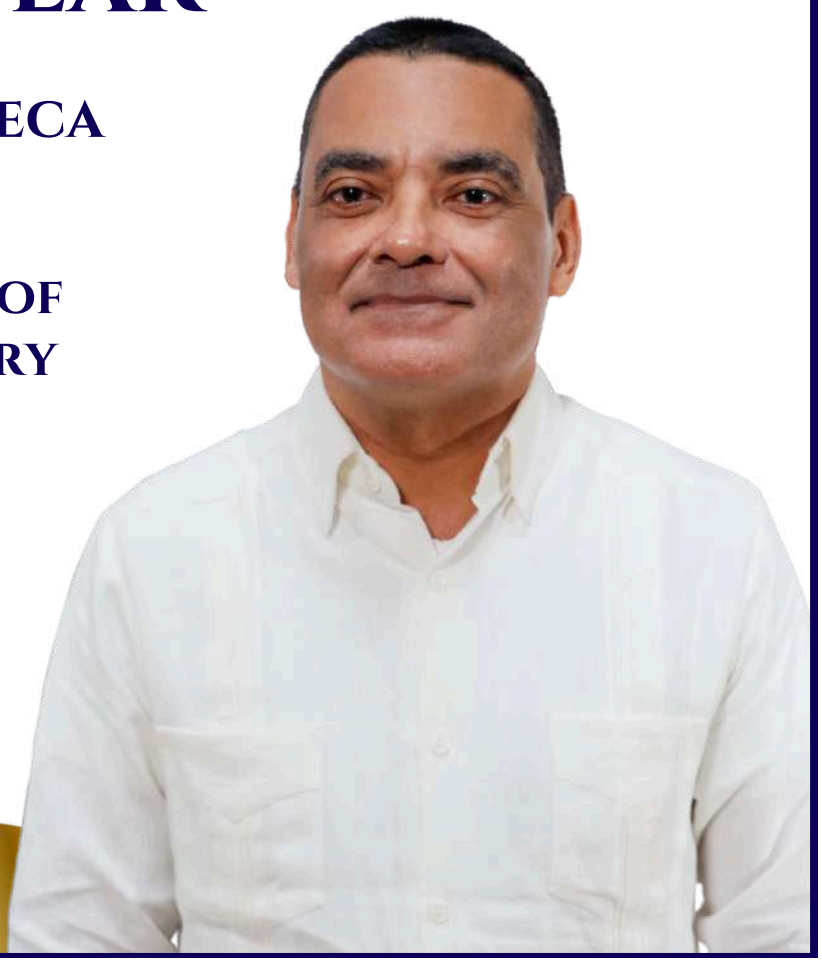

Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Micro Finance Field Officer for Saint Francis Xavier Credit Union
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-519263-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The GOB intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing towards hiring five (5) experienced and qualified consultants as Micro Finance Field Officers to be responsible for the Matching Grant Program of the CRESAP Project being administered and implemented by the PFIs. Three Consultants will be assigned for La Inmaculada Credit Union (LICU), one for the St Francis Xavier Credit Union (SFXCU), and one for the Toledo Teachers Credit Union (TTCU). The Finance Field Officers will serve as the primary link between the Participating Financial Institutions under the Matching Grant Program, and the potential farmers interested in the Matching Grant Program. The Officers will provide efficient, farmer friendly loan development services that ensure timely and appropriate access to financing for climate resilient agriculture activities and practices. The consultants will provide direct support to the PFIs in terms of formulation, submission, approval, disbursement and monitoring farmers' CSA applications related to the MGP of the CRESAP Project. The Finance Field Officers will work directly under the supervision of these participating financial institutions. All work conducted, including reports, will be overseen by their respective PFIs, and will work closely with the Matching Grant Coordinator (MGC), the Environmental and Social Specialists (ESS), and the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist (M&ES) of the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP).

The GOB through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit individuals to fill the position of (**1) Micro Finance Field Officer for Saint Francis Xavier Credit Union.**

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to **procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.**

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications

- Minimum of an associate degree in business, development studies, social science, environmental science, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management, or any other field related to the assignment. (25 points)

General Experience

- At least (3) years of relevant professional experience in banking, financial services or the agriculture sector, and experience in technical assistance services, including the development of investment proposals and business plans. (25 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Ability to prepare Cashflow Projections and Cost and Financing Tables. (max 20 points)
- Knowledge and experience of Climate Change and Climate Smart Agriculture Practices (max 20 points)
- Knowledge of micro-finance and/or agri-business lending (max 10 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by January 2, 2026 at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

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Telephone +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org
cc: orlando.coc@sifbelize.org

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Micro Finance Field Officer for The Toledo Teachers Credit Union
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-519666-CS-INDV

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Micro Finance Field Officers for La Inmaculada Credit Union
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF- 519261 -INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The GOB intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing towards hiring five (5) experienced and qualified consultants as Micro Finance Field Officers to be responsible for the Matching Grant Program of the CRESAP Project being administered and implemented by the PFIs. Three Consultants will be assigned for La Inmaculada Credit Union (LICU), one for the St Francis Xavier Credit Union (SFXCU), and one for the Toledo Teachers Credit Union (TTCU). The Finance Field Officers will serve as the primary link between the Participating Financial Institutions under the Matching Grant Program, and the potential farmers interested in the Matching Grant Program. The Officers will provide efficient, farmer friendly loan development services that ensure timely and appropriate access to financing for climate resilient agriculture activities and practices. The consultants will provide direct support to the PFIs in terms of formulation, submission, approval, disbursement and monitoring farmers' CSA applications related to the MGP of the CRESAP Project. The Finance Field Officers will work directly under the supervision of these participating financial institutions. All work conducted, including reports, will be overseen by their respective PFIs, and will work closely with the Matching Grant Coordinator (MGC), the Environmental and Social Specialists (ESS), and the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist (M&ES) of the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP).

The GOB through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit individuals to fill the position of (3) Micro Finance Field Officers for La Inmaculada Credit Union.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

- Minimum of an associate degree in business, development studies, social science, environmental science, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management, or any other field related to the assignment. (25 points)

General Experience

- At least (3) years of relevant professional experience in banking, financial services or the agriculture sector, and experience in technical assistance services, including the development of investment proposals and business plans. (25 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Ability to prepare Cashflow Projections and Cost and Financing Tables. (max 20 points)
- Knowledge and experience of Climate Change and Climate Smart Agriculture Practices (max 20 points)
- Knowledge of micro-finance and/or agri-business lending (max 10 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by January 2, 2026 at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

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Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Relationship Officers for the Development Finance Corporation
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-515613-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The GOB intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing towards hiring an of (3) experienced individuals to fill the position of Relationship Officers for the Development Finance Corporation. The Relationship Officers will serve as the primary link between the Participating Financial Institutions under the Matching Grant Program, and the potential farmers interested in the Matching Grant Program. The Officer will provide efficient, farmer friendly loan development services that ensure timely and appropriate access to financing for climate resilient agriculture activities and practices. The Relationship Officers will work directly under the supervision of the Development Finance Corporation. All work conducted, including reports, will be overseen by the Development Finance Corporation and the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) team.

The GOB through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit individuals to fill the position of (3) Relationship Officers (two for the Belmopan Branch and one for the Orange Walk Branch) for the Development Finance Corporation.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree in Finance, economics, development studies, environmental science, agriculture, rural development, natural resource management, OR any other field related to the assignment. (max 15 points)

General Experience

- At least 2-5 years of relevant professional experience in the agriculture sector, including experience in technical assistance services, development of investment proposals, and business plans would be an asset (max 25 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Ability to prepare Cashflow Projections and Cost and Financing Tables. (max 25 points)
- Knowledge and experience of Climate Change and Climate Smart Agriculture Practices (max 20 points)
- At least three years' experience working with farmers in rural communities (max 15 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set
out in the Procurement Regulations.

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by January 2, 2026 at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **824 Caribbean Investment Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"824 Caribbean Investment Ltd."** located at # 50 C.A. Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Feliciano Sutherland** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Irie Ital Corner Fire Hart Restaurant"** located at # 709 P.G. Hwy., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Alexandra & Jason Valdes** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Carnivore Belize Ltd."** located at # 31 Eve Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Manuel Matus** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Polly Imports"** located in Teakettle Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Merary Acosta** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Acosta's Shop"** located at # 26 Contribo Street, Lord's Bank Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Angela Gabourel** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Nuff Muzik Lyve Production"** located at # 89 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sonia Alas & Rosa Flores** are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"80's Deck"** located at # 12 Guadalupe Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Trecia Flores** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mosul Street Cool Spot Hideaway"** located at # 65 Cemetery Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **James Young** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lakers Cool Spot"** located at # 42R Lawrence Avenue, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Luis Cuello** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"L & R Liquors Ltd."** located at # 993 Mayflower Garden, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Anibal Lemus** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"5 Brothers Night Club"** located at # 46 East Collet Canal, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kenny Lo** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Benson Shop"** located at # 5 Mitchelle Estate, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **JunQiang Li** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Phillin Store"** located in San Jose Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yuqiong Zhong** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Best Restaurant"** located in San Jose Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiaocai Wu** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"No #1 Double Store"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Allen Yu** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Kai & A Internet Cafe"** located at # 28 Belize/Corozal Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jian Bo Wu** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Andson's Super Store"** located on San Antonio Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hong Mei Deng** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"All Day Supermarket"** located at # 161 Belize/Corozal Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiaohua Peng** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"365 Friendly Restaurant"** located on Queen Victoria Ave., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shun Tong Lin & Guo** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"China Store"** located at # 18 Main Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiaoji Li** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"A & A Store"** located on Progress Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mei Xiao Ye** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Zhang Nan Shop"** located on Cinderella Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Qiming Lin** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Swanbay"** located on Progress Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Weitan Wu** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Tim's 7-11 Store"** located on Benque Viejo Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guan Chuang Jie** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Shanghai Restaurant"** located on Belize/Corozal Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zi Yan Wu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"China Town Restaurant"** located on San Andres St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rong Da Lu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Luda's Restaurant"** located on Baker's Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ling Yu Huang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Luda's Store"** located at # 61 Belize/Corozal Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ling Yu Huang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Luda's Supermarket"** located on Otro Benque Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rong Yao Lu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mr. Lu Restaurant"** located on St. Ana St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wen Lin Guan** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"388 Entertainment"** located on Baker's Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wen Lin Guan** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Excellent Restaurant"** located on Queen Victoria Avenue, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Quan Pan Chan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Twin's Supermarket"** located at # 564 St. Thomas Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eileen Ghau** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Belizean Chinese Restaurant"** located at # 160 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Christopher Zhang** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"New Chon Sing Restaurant"** located at # 184 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Vince Young** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Bird's Isle Restaurant"** located at # 90 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sharmane D. Young** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"SDR Groceries"** located at # 392 Balan Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiao Zhen Ghau** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"GD Fast Food Restaurant"** located at # 1 New Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Oscar Trujeque** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Double Sip"** located at # 383 Kelly Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kishore Bhojwani** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rakhi's Salon Studio"** located at # 3645 P.G. Hwy., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jia Guan Li & Chun Yan Li** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jian Vin"** located at # 10 Mahogany Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kerrigay L. Henry & John M. Henry** are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mobay Restaurant & Lounge"** located at # 16 Vista Del Mar, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kenroy Usher** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rito Store"** located at # 1866 P.G. Hwy., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Pramila Balani** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Krishna's Kozy Kones"** located at # 23 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Miles 9 ¾ P.G. Hwy., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Shell G/Station, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at Western Paradise, G.P. Hwy., Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 5114-6th Street, King's Park Area, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 137 Cemetery Rd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 8114 Gile Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 3129 Albert Hoy Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 39 Mahogany Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located at # 1732 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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